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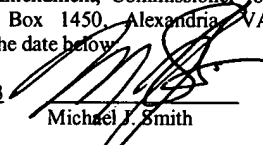
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/031,922 based on International Patent Application PCT/US00/20040 entitled "PRESERVED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS" by Atef Gayed; Confirmation No.: 2807  
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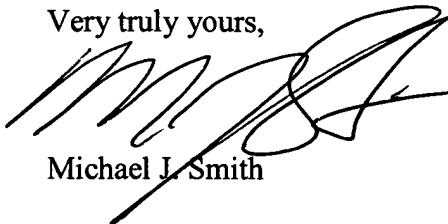
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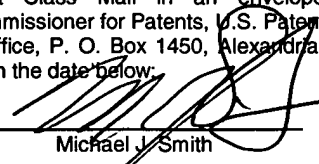
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**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 13.

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The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the remarks herein. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.